

EXERCISES WILL BE HELD THURSDAY

Corner-Stone of Petersburg's New Skyscraper Will Be Laid.

GUARDIAN GIVES BIG BOND

People Discussing Question of Changing Form of Government.

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Petersburg, Va., December 12.—The corner-stone of the new secretary business and office building of the Petersburg Benevolent Mechanics' Association, now being erected at the corner of Sycamore and West Tabb Streets, will be laid with appropriate ceremonies, on Thursday afternoon at 5 o'clock. The ceremony will be concluded by Blandford Lodge, No. 3, and the address will be delivered by the Rev. George E. Booker, D. D., of Washington Street Methodist Episcopal Church. The stone, according to custom, will be laid at the northeast corner. The concrete foundations of the new structure have been practically completed, and some of the structural iron has been put in position.

The old Mechanics' Association building, which stood on the site of the new one, was erected in 1853, and well served its purpose for nearly three-quarters of a century. It has finally disappeared in the march of progress. No corner-stone was found when it was razed, and there is no record in the archives of the association of the Masons to show that one was laid.

Died in Norfolk.
A telegram received from Norfolk this morning announces the death in that city of Mrs. Elizabeth Cook, formerly and for a great many years, a resident of Petersburg. She was the widow of J. L. Cook, a well known painter of this city, and had many friends here. She was seventy-four years old, and is survived by four sons—George and R. M. Cook, of New York; Thomas and John Cook, of Richmond; and three daughters—Mrs. A. B. Bennett, Mrs. Howard Odell, and Miss Mollie Cook, all of Norfolk. The body will be brought to Petersburg on Thursday for burial.

Pleading Ceremony.
At the meeting last night of Cockade Chapter of Pythian Sisters, Mrs. Frank A. Owen was presented with a beautiful order pin, the gift of the temple, in recognition of her unflinching attendance at the meetings and of her action in advancing the interests of the order. The pleasure of the meeting was heightened by drills and music.

Big Bond Given as Guardian.

Mrs. Mary Corling McGee, formerly Mrs. David Dunlop, appeared before Judge Mullen, of the Hustings Court, to-day and gave an additional bond in the penalty of \$500,000 as guardian of her four young daughters. The American Surety Company, of New York, became her surety. By the terms of Mr. Dunlop's will much of the property bequeathed to her goes to her children by reason of her second marriage.

No Bonds for Improvement.

The action of the Board of Aldermen last night in defeating by a majority vote the ordinance passed by the Common Council for the issue of \$212,000 of city bonds for public improvements, and its further defeat by a vote of the original proposition to issue bonds to the amount of \$105,000, indicates that there is to be no bond issue for any purpose for some time to come. Opposition to the proposed issue was based on the ground that, according to the financial showing of the city, the current revenues, with economical management, will be sufficient to make all needed improvements.

The discussion of the matter was quite animated at times. Motions to defer action were offered and voted down. A motion to submit the question to the decision of the people at a general or special election met a like fate. Some members wanted the matter submitted to the vote of all the

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taxpayers, including women who are property owners; others thought only the qualified electorate should be allowed to vote.

An appeal was made by Alderman Pugh to the members to stand up like men and shoulder the responsibility which had been placed on them by the people. This appeal was received with favor, for all district and filibustering motions were voted down, each member stood firmly to his convictions, and the bond ordinance went down in defeat, probably not to be heard from again in a long time.

The board appropriated \$2,000 for oiling streets, the contract for the oil to be hereafter made; and appropriated \$500 for removing alleged sewer nuisances.

Talk of Commission Government.

The disagreement between the two branches of the Common Council on the question of a bond issue for needed public improvements, as well as previous disagreements on other matters of importance, has led to much talk in the community in favor of a change of the municipal government to the commission form. The people of Petersburg have given much study to this subject and a majority is believed to be heartily in favor of it.

Bridge Nearly Completed.

The Matoaca bridge over the Appomattox, connecting Chesterfield with Dinwiddie and Petersburg, at Fernside Park, will, it is announced, be completed and opened to traffic early in January. The bridge is an iron structure and cost about \$7,500. It was built by the Matoaca Bridge Company, and will for the present be used as a toll bridge, for the payment of bonds and interest. It will prove a great convenience to the people of a large section of Chesterfield.

State Taxes Collected.

City Treasurer Ramey has received about \$17,000 for State taxes for this year, up to the present. Exclusive of head tax, a large portion of which is always delinquent, Petersburg's quota of State taxes is \$55,000 or \$56,000.

To Close for the Holidays.

At a meeting of the Tobacco Association to-day it was decided to close sales of tobacco for the holidays on December 22, and reopen on January 2. Sales to-day were \$6,000 pounds, at prices ranging from \$6.50 to \$20.50.

General News.

The Petersburg delegates to the sixty-sixth annual session of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, colored Masons, which convened in Newport News to-day, are District Deputy Grand Master Charles H. Jones, Grand Lecturer David T. Puke, Grand Treasurer Douglas Johnson, Past Grand Master George H. Dabney, I. H. Brooks, Edward Johnson, E. T. Mabry, Richard M. Dillard, James H. Williams, A. W. Harris and Dr. U. S. McCoy.

Miss Bertha Mayton and Clarence Weatherford, a young couple of the western section of the city, went to North Carolina yesterday, where they were married.

Miss Agnes Holt, daughter of Joseph E. Holt, superintendent of the Matoaca Cotton Mills, and Leslie Tipton, son of A. C. Tipton, of this city, went to Creve this morning, where they were married by Rev. A. L. Franklin. At the same time and place, Miss Shirley Tucker and Aubrey Sowers, of Creve, were married by Mr. Franklin—a double wedding.

The King's Daughters of this city have placed on sale Red Cross seals, the proceeds to go towards helping in the fight against tuberculosis.

A slight fire occurred this morning at the Model Steam Laundry, at the corner of Washington and Sycamore Streets, originating between the ceiling and roof in the boiler room. Fortunately, owing to timely discovery, the fire was extinguished before much damage had been done.

SUIT AGAINST SHOE MACHINERY TRUST

Action Instituted by Government in Circuit Court at Boston.

DISSOLUTION IS ASKED FOR

Officials Indicted Last Summer for Alleged Violation of Sherman Law.

Boston, Mass., December 12.—A suit asking for the dissolution of the United Shoe Machinery Company, a corporation of world-wide scope, was instituted this afternoon by the Federal government, which filed a bill in equity in the United States Circuit Court. The bill is brought against the United Shoe Machinery Corporation, United Shoe Machinery Company of New Jersey, eighteen subsidiary corporations and twenty-three individuals, to restrain the defendants from "maintaining and engaging in unlawful combinations, contracts and conspiracies in restraint of interstate and foreign trade and commerce, in violation of the Sherman act, in the manufacture, sale and lease of machines, mechanisms, tools and devices used in the manufacture of boots and shoes."

The court is asked to order the dissolution of the defendant corporations into such parts that no one of them will constitute a monopoly or can become a monopoly of the shoe machinery business. "If the court should be of the opinion," the bill continues, "that the public interests will be better served thereby, the petitioner asks that receivers be appointed to take possession of all the property, assets, business and affairs of said defendants, and wind up the same."

An injunction against the defendants is also requested.

The petition charges, among other things, that the defendants have, by unlawful combinations, contracts and conspiracies among them; by exclusive use and tying provisions which they have made a part of the lease and license agreements between them and the boot and shoe manufacturers for the use of their machines; by the acquisition and control of former competitive shoe machinery manufacturing concerns, and by other acts set forth in the petition, acquired and now control more than 95 per cent of the trade and commerce in the United States in shoe machinery.

The bill is brought by United States District Attorney French, acting under the direction of Attorney-General Wickesham.

The defendants include President Winslow and others prominent in the shoe machinery and shoe trade. President Winslow and other officials of the United Shoe Machinery Company were indicted by the Federal grand jury last summer for alleged violation of the Sherman law. The cases have not yet come to trial.

BULLET LODGES IN MAN'S THROAT

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Manassas, Va., December 12.—Dick Reid, of Waterfall, this county, was lodged in jail here last night upon a charge of shooting J. B. Ashby.

At the December term of the Circuit Court of this county, Ashby recovered a small judgment against Reid, and this led to trouble between the two men yesterday. Reid fired at Ashby from close range, the bullet from his rifle entering Ashby's neck from the back, passing through the throat and lodging in the front of the neck.

Ashby is in a critical condition, and was taken to a hospital in Washington last night. Reid was arrested and lodged in jail, awaiting the outcome of his victim's injury.

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MAYPRESAGE NEW POLITICAL PARTY

National Business Congress Will Consider Nevins Resolutions.

Chicago, Ill., December 12.—Presaging the birth of a new political party composed of business men and farmers, as a protest organization, the resolutions committee of the National Business Congress to-day considered such a resolution, framed by A. Parker Nevins, general counsel of the National Association of Manufacturers. Final action on the resolution by the congress will be announced to-morrow.

The Federal Congress probably will be asked by the Business Congress to regulate the sale and transportation of dynamite and other high explosives, as the result of a discussion of the McNamara case at Los Angeles. Such a motion, made by a business delegate, asked that the illegal distribution of explosives be made a felony.

The Business Congress also will be asked to go on record as favoring civil service in the consular department. Delegates at the congress declared that such reform is imperative if the consular service is to assist as an auxiliary of commerce. Also the matter of the merchant marine will be the subject for resolutions.

Speakers to-day insisted that the congress is one of remonstrance. After John Kirby, Jr., a prominent manufacturer of New York, had attacked labor, Frederick Townsend Martin, of New York, exploited compulsory insurance as a panacea for economic ills.

Mr. Kirby's remarks concerning the "labor trust," as he called the American Federation of Labor, were sharp. He called the federation "Samuel Gompers's monopolistic labor machine,"

said "organized labor had a determined policy either to control or ruin the commerce and industries of the country." He said its record and the utterances and acts of its officers "left no shadow of doubt that its policy is to employ any means, no matter how brutal, unlawful or unreasonable," which will produce a condition where workers are "absolutely at the mercy and dictation of a gigantic and merciless labor trust."

Again he characterized the labor organization as a "cold, merciless organization, with no regard for the flag," and said labor leaders asked punishment of the McNamaras, not because of guilt, but "because they confessed."

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MERIT DIPLOMAS FOR BOY FARMERS

Presentation to Young South-erners Made by Secretary of Agriculture.

Washington, December 12.—Secretary of Agriculture Wilson stood in his office to-day and presented diplomas of merit to twenty-one boys from the Southern States, who have won prizes for raising large crops of corn, and whose trip to the national capital is part of the award given to them by the States from which they come. With Rooseveltian vigor the venerable secretary threw forward his arm and exclaimed:

"You boys receive these diplomas because you have done something. We are proud of you, your States are proud of you, and you have done something which will help to reduce the cost of living and to make the South a greater and richer section of the country."

In raising bumper crops of corn, the secretary told the boys, they had taken the first step necessary to successful farming. Corn is the foundation, he declared, of other crop production. With plenty of corn the South, he said, will be able after a time to raise its own beef, and not be compelled to go to the West for it. The secretary said the department had no desire to boss the boys of the South in this work, but the only wish of its officials was to help them.

With a kindly word for each boy as he handed him his diploma, the secretary told the boys that they could face the world with a feeling that they possessed something which could not be bought with money.

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ants, and N. L. Henley the defendant. Ex-Mayor John L. Mercer, who a few days ago was forced to resign his position as clerk of the Eastern State Hospital on account of ill health, is reported to be very ill to-day. He is in charge of the trained nurse, and his daughter, Mrs. Herbert Lightfoot, has been called to his bedside.

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MAN IS KILLED BY ACCIDENTAL SHOT

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Lexington, Va., December 12.—Andrew Pugh, of Baltimore, a roving showman, was brought to Lexington to-day and committed to jail for shooting Archie Tyree, at Balcony Falls last night. Tyree and Dave Moore, two white men, had gone from Lynchburg to Balcony Falls on a freight, and had made a fire on the river bank. Pugh saw them and reported to the operator that he suspected that they had stolen goods from a car. The operator gave Pugh his pistol and told him to bring them to the office. In arresting the men the pistol was accidentally discharged, and shot Tyree, killing him instantly. Tyree was employed at Buena Vista Paper Mills, and was twenty-three years old.

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